उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सुरेश पचौरी) : उनका रिप्लाई आप संबंधित सम्मानित सदस्यों को भेज दीजिएगा।

डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी : सर, मैं इस पर डिबेट करने के लिए तैयार हूं। धन्यवाद।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Now, message from the Lok Sabha. ...*(Interruptions)*..... No questions. Message from the Lok Sabha.

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

The Central Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2001

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:-

> "In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Central Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2001, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 28th August, 2001."
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> 2. The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

Sir, I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

THE INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2001.

THE MINISTER OF LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): Sir, I move:

> "That the Bill further to amend the Indian Waterways Authority of India Act, 1985 be taken into consideration."
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> Sir, there are two substantial amendments which have been suggested in the Bill. The first is with regard to the composition of the Authority. There are some changes which have been suggested in order to make it a little more broad-based. The second most significant thing relates to its functioning. Currently, we have three National Waterways in the country. Today, merely 20 per cent of the total waterways strength in India is utilised

effectively. A large investment is needed in that sector. For this purpose, Section 14 of the principal Act is sought to be amended which empowers the Authority to enter into joint ventures concerning inland shipping by way of equity participation. There is also a proposal to add Section 18A in order to attract investment. The Authority may in such manner and subject to those terms borrow from various sources by issue of bonds and debentures and other instruments. This is an empowering provision which enables the Authority to raise capital from the market by way of these instruments. These are the two substantial objects. There is a lot of scope for expansion of the inland waterways activities in India, because economically it is much cheaper. It is fuel-efficient. Ecologically, it is superior and it also tends to lower the burden on our road and rail network. I, therefore, propose to the hon. House to pass this Bill.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): There is no name before me to speak on this important Bill. The question is:

That the Bill further to amend the Inland Waterways Authority of India Act, 1985, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 7 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: Sir, I move:

That the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): Sir, I move: